

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 DELSHON DIXON,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 THOMPSON, *et al.*,

15 Defendant.

16 Case No.: 1:24-cv-00954-KES-CDB

**ORDER REFERRING CASE TO POST-  
SCREENING ADR AND STAYING CASE  
FOR 120 DAYS**

**FORTY-FIVE (45) DAY DEADLINE**

17 Plaintiff Delshon Dixon (“Plaintiff”) is proceeding pro se and *in forma pauperis* in this civil  
18 rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

19 On January 23, 2025, Defendants Kern Valley State Prison (“KSVP”) Correctional Officers  
20 Thompson and Dewitt (“Defendants”) filed an answer to Plaintiff’s complaint. (Doc. 22).

21 The Court refers all civil rights cases filed by pro se inmates to Alternative Dispute  
22 Resolution (“ADR”) to attempt to resolve such cases more expeditiously and less expensively.

23 The Court stays this action for 120 days to allow the parties to investigate Plaintiff’s claims,  
24 meet and confer, and participate in an early settlement conference. The Court presumes that all  
25 post-screening civil rights cases assigned to the undersigned will proceed to a settlement  
26 conference. However, if, after investigating Plaintiff’s claims and meeting and conferring, either  
27 party finds that a settlement conference would be a waste of resources, the party may opt out of the  
28 early settlement conference.

1 Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

2 1. This action is STAYED for **120 days** to allow the parties an opportunity to settle their  
3 dispute before the discovery process begins. No pleadings or motions may be filed in  
4 this case during the stay. The parties shall not engage in formal discovery, but they may  
5 engage in informal discovery to prepare for the settlement conference.

6 2. **Within 45 days** from the date of this Order, the parties SHALL file the attached notice,  
7 indicating their agreement to proceed to an early settlement conference or their belief  
8 that settlement is not achievable at this time.

9 3. **Within 60 days** from the date of this Order, the assigned Deputy Attorney General  
10 SHALL contact the undersigned's Courtroom Deputy Clerk at  
11 cboren@caed.uscourts.gov to schedule the settlement conference, assuming all parties  
12 agree to participate in an early settlement conference.

13 4. If the parties reach a settlement during the stay of this action, they SHALL file a Notice  
14 of Settlement as required by Local Rule 160.

15 5. The Clerk of the Court SHALL serve via email copies of Plaintiff's complaint (Doc. 1),  
16 the Court's August 21, 2024, screening order (Doc. 7), and this Order to Supervising  
17 Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Bragg (Lawrence.Bragg@doj.ca.gov), and a copy  
18 of this Order to ADR Coordinator Sujean Park.

19 6. The parties are obligated to keep the Court informed of their current addresses during  
20 the stay and the pendency of this action. Changes of address must be reported promptly  
21 in a Notice of Change of Address. *See* L.R. 182(f).

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 Dated: January 24, 2025

  
24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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## NOTICE REGARDING EARLY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

17 1. The party or counsel agrees that an early settlement conference would be productive and  
18 wishes to engage in an early settlement conference.

19 Yes No

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21 || 2. Plaintiff (check one):

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would like to participate in the settlement conference in person.

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Dated:

**Plaintiff or Counsel for Defendants**